October 23, 2000

Mr. Curly Bear Wagner Blackfoot Cultural Representative PO Box 819 Browning, Montana 59417

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Continental Energy Services, Incorporated, of Butte, Montana (CES), proposes to build the Silver Bow Project (Project), a natural gas fired, combustion turbine electric generating station, in the Silicon Mountain Technology Park (Technology Park) located west of Butte, Montana. The site for the Project is a 20-acre parcel in the northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, and Range 9 West. In order to provide required capacity of natural gas supplies, mainline natural gas loops will have to be installed on the Cut Bank to Morel 16-inch mainline. This main pipeline runs from Cut Bank south to the Warm Springs area. The new pipeline will loop, or be built parallel to MPC's existing Cut Bank to Morel 16-inch line. Approximately 108 miles of new pipeline will be required. The size of this mainline loop will be 20-inch diameter. With limited exceptions, resulting from siting issues, including environmental and landowner related issues, the new pipeline will be installed in a previously constructed route for a decommissioned 20-inch gas pipeline. CES will be making application to the State of Montana, for a permit to construct these facilities, under the rules set out by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Legacy Consulting Services (LCS) is conducting the Cultural Resource project application. Management CRM studies needed to support the application by CES to the DEQ.

One of the types of properties which is being addressed in these CRM studies, are those which are of religious or heritage significance to Indian Peoples. The process called for in the DEQ rules, is to identify any such properties located within a 30 mile radius of the plant site, and within 3/4 mile of either side of the gas pipeline route. The objective for the plant site is to include any such properties in that area, in the assessment of what impacts may occur to properties on the actual plant site, as a result of the plant construction, or as a result of a potential visual intrusion of the plant to properties within the study area for the plant. Similar assessments will be made for the study area of the gas line.

By this letter, I am transmitting to you, copies of maps showing the location of the proposed facilities. Also by the letter, I am requesting that your office us assist us by providing information of the location of any properties of religious or heritage significance to the Blackfeet people. In order to be considered in these studies, we would need sufficient information of the location and nature of such properties for evaluation of them under the prescriptions of National Register of Historic Places Bulletin 38, as published by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the

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Interior. The location and nature of any such properties identified would be considered strictly confidential information, not available general public disclosure.

In order that we may proceed in a timely manner, we need any contributions and comments you have, or before November 12, 2000. Please feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions you have at this time.

Sincerely,

James J. Shive James J. Shive

Cultural Resource Manager

cc: (w/o enclosures)

Mr. R.P. Walsh, CES



October 23, 2000

Mr. Ed Halver Tribal Lands Department Fort Belknap Reservation P.O. Box 1155 Harlem, Montana 59526

Dear Mr. Halver

Continental Energy, of Butte, is planning to build an electric power generating station near Butte. The State of Montana's Department of Environmental Quality, requires that Continental submit a study on the cultural resources in the area of the project. In that study, they need to identify any places of religious or heritage significance to Indian peoples. The area around the plant they will be studying, covers about 30 square miles, in all directions from the plant site.

They are also going to build a natural gas pipeline in order to provide the fuel needed to operate the plant at Butte. That line will come from near Cut Bank, Montana, south to the plant site near Butte. For most of the way along that line, they will take up and abandoned gas line and replace it with a new one, in the same place. Continental also needs to make a study along this gas line, of any places of religious or heritage significance to Indian peoples. For the pipeline, the study area is to be one three fourths of a mile on either side of the gas line.

Continental has asked Legacy Consulting Services to contact you about this project. They have provided the enclosed maps of the plant site near Butte, and the proposed gas line. We need to know if there are places, within 30 miles around the plant site, or within 3/4 mile of the gas pipeline, which are of religious or heritage significance to the Assiniboine or Gros Ventres peoples.

If you would like to discuss any of this, or meet about it, please call me at area code 406-782-5663 at any time. If you know of places, in the study areas for the plant site or gas line, we would like to get the locations and other information about them, by November 12, 2000. Of course, the information on the location and nature of these places would be kept strictly confidential and not available to anyone other than those making the study and reviewing the project for the State of Montana.

Sincerely

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October 23, 2000

Mr. Alvin Windy Boy Tribal Council Chippewa-Cree Tribe Box Elder, Montana 59521

Dear Mr. Windy Boy:

Continental Energy, of Butte, is planning to build an electric power generating station near Butte. The State of Montana's Department of Environmental Quality, requires that Continental submit a study on the cultural resources in the area of the project. In that study, they need to identify any places of religious or heritage significance to Indian peoples. The area around the plant they will be studying, covers about 30 square miles, in all directions from the plant site.

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October 23, 2000

Ms. Diane Yupe Anthropologist Cultural Resource Coordinator Shoshone-Bannack Tribes P.O. Box 305 Fort Hall, Idaho 83203

Dear Ms. Yupe:

Bow Project (Project), a natural gas fired, combustion turbine electric generating station, in the Silicon Mountain Technology Park (Technology Park) located west of Butte, Montana. The site for the Project is a 20-acre parcel in the northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, and Range 9 West. In order to provide required capacity of natural gas supplies, mainline natural gas loops will have to be installed on the Cut Bank to Morel 16-inch mainline. This main pipeline runs from Cut Bank south to the Warm Springs area. The new pipeline will loop, or be built parallel to MPC's existing Cut Bank to Morel 16-inch line. Approximately 108 miles of new pipeline will be required. The size of this mainline loop will be 20-inch diameter. With limited exceptions, resulting from siting issues, including environmental and landowner related issues, the new pipeline will be installed in a previously constructed route for a decommissioned 20-inch gas pipeline. CES will be making application to the State of Montana, for a permit to construct these facilities, under the rules set out by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the project application. Legacy Consulting Services (LCS) is conducting the Cultural Resource Management CRM studies needed to support the application by CES to the DEQ.

One of the types of properties which is being addressed in these CRM studies, are those which are of religious or heritage significance to Indian Peoples. The process called for in the DEQ rules, is to identify any such properties located within a 30 mile radius of the plant site, and within 3/4 mile of either side of the gas pipeline route. The objective for the plant site is to include any such properties in that area, in the assessment of what impacts may occur to properties on the actual plant site, as a result of the plant construction, or as a result of a potential visual intrusion of the plant to properties within the study area for the plant. Similar assessments will be made for the study area of the gas line.

By this letter, I am transmitting to you, copies of maps showing the location of the proposed facilities. Also by the letter, I am requesting that your office us assist us by providing information of the location of any properties of religious or heritage significance to the Shoshone-Bannack Tribes. In order to be considered in these studies, we would need sufficient information of the location and nature of such properties for evaluation of them under the prescriptions of National Register of Historic Places Bulletin 38, as published by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the

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October 23, 2000

Ms. Marcia Cross Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Preservation Office Post Office Box 278 Pablo, Montana 59855

re: Silver Bow Generation Project
Cultural Resource Management
Properties of Religious or Cultural Importance to Indian Peoples

Dear Ms. Cross:

Continental Energy Services, Incorporated, of Butte, Montana (CES), proposes to build the Silver Bow Project (Project), a natural gas fired, combustion turbine electric generating station, in the Silicon Mountain Technology Park (Technology Park) located west of Butte, Montana. The site for the Project is a 20-acre parcel in the northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, and Range 9 West. In order to provide required capacity of natural gas supplies, mainline natural gas loops will have to be installed on the Cut Bank to Morel 16-inch mainline. This main pipeline runs from Cut Bank south to the Warm Springs area. The new pipeline will loop, or be built parallel to MPC's existing Cut Bank to Morel 16-inch line. Approximately 108 miles of new pipeline will be required. The size of this mainline loop will be 20-inch diameter. With limited exceptions, resulting from siting issues, including environmental and landowner related issues, the new pipeline will be installed in a previously constructed route for a decommissioned 20-inch gas pipeline. CES will be making application to the State of Montana, for a permit to construct these facilities, under the rules set out by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the project application. Legacy Consulting Services (LCS) is conducting the Cultural Resource Management CRM studies needed to support the application by CES to the DEQ.

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